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Collection Description

Letters, manuscripts, galleys, clippings, ephemera, and biographical material relating to the newspaper society columnist, publisher, and railroad historian Lucius Morris Beebe.

Historical Background

Lucius Beebe (December 9, 1902 Wakefield, Massachusetts - died February 4, 1966 Hillsborough, California) began his literary career at the *New York Herald Tribune* in 1929, achieved his own column in 1933, and went on to write articles for such periodicals as *Town & Country*, *Gourmet*, *Playboy*, *Esquire*, *Trains*, and the *San Francisco Chronicle*, to name a few. Beebe and Charles Clegg (1916-1979), his partner and co-author of half of his thirty-four books, bought their first private car, "The Gold Coast," in the late 1940s. The two lived and traveled aboard "The Gold Coast" from 1948 to 1950; the car is now part of the collection of the California State Railroad Museum. They later purchased another private car, "The Virginia City." They moved to Virginia City, Nevada in 1949, and in 1952 took over publishing and editing the newspaper *The*

Territorial Enterprise, where Samuel Clemens had his roots. Beginning in 1960, they spent part of each year at their home in Hillsborough, south of San Francisco, where Beebe died in 1966. His thirty-year career as an author, combined with his eccentric personality, earned him an international reputation. Charles Clegg described Beebe as a "highly civilized nineteenth-century gentleman" possessing an "outrageous personal majesty," known by the world as a "wit and flamboyant gourmet."

Related Collections

Upon Clegg's death in 1979, working files, photographs and selected works of art held by Beebe and Clegg were distributed to various institutions, including: Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, California Nevada Historical Society, Reno Colorado Railroad Museum, Golden DeGolyer Collection, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas Denver Public Library New York Public Library Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Most of the Beebe and Clegg negatives, literary and photographic rights are held by Charles Clegg's sister, Ann Holloway.

There is some Beebe family material held by the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library, 345 Main Street, Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880 (781) 246-6334.

Related collections at CSRM: MS 16, Gerald M. Best Papers, correspondence with Lucius Beebe. MS 34, Arthur Detmers Dubin Papers, correspondence with Lucius Beebe. Photographic portrait file

Biographical Information:

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	Ahrens, John P.
	Alexander, Ed (Alexander Railroad Museum)
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	Aydellott, G.B. (President, D & RGW)
	Barker, Lee (Doubleday & Co., Inc.)
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	Benton, Genevieve K. (M.H. De Young Memorial Museum)
	Best, Gerald M.
	Bird, Major (Russell & Bird)
	Breen, Tom (Manager, News & Public Affairs, KCRA- TV)
Folder 4	Calvert, E. Preston (Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Co.)
	Campbell, Douglass (Vice-President, New York Central)
	Cerf, Bennett
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	DeGolyer, Everett L., Jr.
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	Dietze, W.A. (Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific)
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Folder 7	Fairchild, Wilma B. (Editor, <i>The Geographical Review</i>)
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	Fisher, CCharles E.
	Fowles, Edward (Duveen Brothers)

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Folder 18	La Barbera, Joseph J. (Title Insurance and Trust Co.) Lane, Helen (Harper & Bros.) Lehman, Edward W. (First Vice-President, W.H. Miner, Inc.) Le Massena, Bob Lenske, Harold A. (Assistant Public Relations Officer, Chicago & North Western) Lunt, A[?]
Folder 19	Maney, Richard Maxwell, John W. May, Edward L. McGrath, Timothy F. (Ewing Galloway) Mercier, Louis F.V. (Picture Editor, <i>Holiday</i>) Middleton, William D. [Morgan], David P. (<i>Trains</i>)
Folder 20	Newhall, Scott (Executive Editor, <i>San Francisco Chronicle</i>) [North], Morgan (Howell-North Books) O'Hara, John Perlman, A.E. (President, New York Central) Perry, Otto C. Pontin, H.W. (Rail Photo Service)
Folder 21	Repp, Stan Richardson, Robert W. Ritner, Peter V. (Editor, Trade Department, The Macmillan Co.) Rockwell, Norman Rockwood, Albert W. (Deland & Rockwood) Rung, A.M. (Director, Public Relations, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy)
Folder 22	Russell, Donald J. (President, Southern Pacific Company) Sanborn, Dan (Sanborn Photo Service) Schwarzkopf, Chet Scott, Duncan A. (Publisher, <i>Bon Appetit</i>) Sell, Henry B. (Editor, <i>Town & Country Magazine</i>)

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Folder 26	White, Katharine S. (Mrs. E.B. White, <i>The New Yorker</i>) Withall, Albert P. (President, W.H. Miner,) Wood, Don Wornom, Douglas Craig Wurm, Ted G.
Folder 27	Correspondence. Letterhead
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Box 3, Folder 1	"Gold Rush Railroad," [<i>This Week</i>], [Sep. 9, 1945].
Folder 2	"Narrow Gauge Holiday," reprinted from <i>Holiday</i>, Mar. [1947].
Folder 3	"Priceless Publicity" (Letter to the Editor), <i>Reno Evening Gazette</i>, Jun. 24, 1950, [p.4].
Folder 4	"Private Varnish," <i>Town & Country</i>, Aug. 1954, pp. 74- 75, 99-102.
Folder 5	"Nevada's Golden Railroad," <i>Railroad Magazine</i>, Jan. 1955, pp. 10-21, 56-57.
Folder 6	"Gourmet Tour of San Francisco," <i>Holiday</i>, Jun. 1956, pp. 64-65, 67, 69, 117-121.
Folder 7	"The Florence and Cripple Creek Line," <i>Railroad Magazine</i>, Aug. 1958, pp. 23-29.
Folder 8	"Reno," <i>Holiday</i>, Nov. 1958.
Folder 9	"The Sincere Sinning of the One Sound State," <i>Saturday Review</i>, Oct. 20, 1962, pp. 48-49, 63.
Folder 10	"How the Overland Limited Came to the Southern Pacific," <i>The California Historical Society Quarterly</i>, Mar. 1963, pp. 33-38.
Folder 11	Miscellaneous articles (8), <i>San Francisco Chronicle / Examiner</i>, n.d. and 1965-1966. Publications: Books (Arranged by title)
Box 4, Folder 1	Bibliography of Beebe's publications Lucius Beebe and Charles Clegg. <i>The Age of Steam: A Classic Album of American Railroading</i>. New York: Rinehart & Company, 1957.
Folder 2	Advertisements
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Folder 4-6	Manuscript Lucius Beebe. <i>The Big Spenders</i>. Garden City, New York: Doubleday & Co., 1966.
Folder 7	Reviews
Box 5	Lucius Beebe and Charles Clegg. <i>Cable Car Carnival</i>. Oakland, California: Grahame Hardy, 1951.
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	Lucius Beebe. <i>Comstock Commotion: The Story of the Territorial Enterprise and Virginia City News</i>. Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 1954.
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	Lucius Beebe and Charles Clegg. <i>Hear the Train Blow: A Pictorial Epic of America in the Railroad Age</i>. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 1952.
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	Lucius Beebe. <i>Highball: A Pageant of Trains</i>. New York: D. Appleton-Century Company, 1945.
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	Lucius Beebe. <i>Mansions on Rails: The Folklore of the Private Railway Car</i>. Berkeley, California: Howell-North Press, 1959.
Folder 10	Advertisements
	Lucius Beebe, with photographs by Charles Clegg. <i>Mixed Train Daily: A Book of Short Line Railroads</i>. New York: E. P. Dutton & Company, 1947
Folder 11	Advertisements
	Lucius Beebe. <i>Mr. Pullman's Elegant Palace Car</i>. Garden City, New York: Doubleday & Company, 1961.
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	Fleming, Howard. <i>Narrow Gauge Railways in America</i>. Edited by Grahame Hardy and Paul Darrell; foreword by Lucius Beebe. Oakland, California: Grahame H. Hardy, 1949.
Folder 15	Advertisements
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	Lucius Beebe. <i>The Provocative Pen of Lucius Beebe, Esq.</i> San Francisco: Chronicle Publishing Company, 1966.
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	Kneiss, Gilbert. Foreword by Lucius Beebe. <i>Redwood Railway: A History of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad and Predecessor Lines</i>. Berkeley, California: Howell-North, 1956.
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	Lucius Beebe. <i>20th Century</i>. Berkeley, California: Howell-North Books, 1962.
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